in a power plant in Tripura to monetize their unutilized gas. Government policy is guided by the mandate of the Common Minimum Programme to enhance the country's energy security.

Advisors for Indo-Iran Pipeline Project

3003. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that Government have received good response for appointment of Advisors for Iran pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have appointed Advisors for Iran pipeline out of the proposal it received; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to appoint Financial, Technical and Legal Consultants for the Iran—Pakistan—India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. IOC were assigned the task of appointing the Financial Consultants and GAIL were asked to appoint the Technical and Legal Consultants.

IOC and GAIL received five bids and four bids, respectively, from major international companies for appointment as Financial Consultants and Technical Consultants. After evaluating these bids, IOC have appointed M/s. Erust & Young as Financial Consultants, and GAIL have appointed M/s. ILF Consulting Engineers as Technical Consultants for the Project. The process of appointing the Legal Consultants is at present underway and should be completed within the next two weeks.

Scarcity of LPG in Andhra Pradesh

3004. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some districts of Andhra Pradesh like Guntur and Prakasam it takes forty-five days to get a refill of LPG gas these days;